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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 06-025

TO: District Superintendents, Business Managers and Head Teachers

FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: February 24, 2005

SUBJECT: A.R.S. 15-825 (A) - Certificates of Educational Convenience

CEC-A Worksheets & Funding

All required worksheets to claim funding for Certificate of Educational Convenience students who are precluded by distance or lack of adequate transportation or students who reside in unorganized territory (A.R.S. 15-825.A) are available at http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Forms/CEC/Default.asp. The worksheets are to be completed by the district of attendance (DOA). All students reported on these worksheets must have been issued a certificate from the county schools office, and be reflected on the ADMS 45-1, & 540-1 reports as well as the CEC-A SPED 04 & SPED 16 reports. Please see School Finance Memo 06-024 for complete data submission requirements for CEC-A Students.

For Special Education students, the district can either choose to claim the Excess Cost Funding Formula Worksheets or, if the costs are higher than the calculated excess cost, the district may choose to submit the required documentation for the Actual Cost by completing the worksheet entitled CEC-A Excess Cost Funding Formula For Group B Children with Disabilities. In completing the CEC-A Excess Cost Funding Formula Worksheets, districts should refer to the Cost Study amounts posted at http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Forms/CEC/Default.asp. Districts that were included in the Special Education Cost Study will use the amounts specific to their district. All other districts will use the state average.

If the student attends a private school and the district claims <u>Actual Costs</u>, the district must submit copies of invoice(s) for tuition/services with each student's Actual Costs worksheets. A district letter signed by the Superintendent/Business Manager must be provided that identifies, at a student level, charges for therapy and/or 1:1 aide as a requirement of the student's IEP to be eligible to submit the charges as Actual Costs.

Please return your completed worksheets by April 21, 2006 in order to be eligible for funding during fiscal year 2005-2006. Worksheet submitted after April 21, 2006 will NOT be processed.

If you need assistance with the <u>file submission process</u>, please fill out the STaR Request for Training Form located at http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/STar/TrainingAndAssistRequest/RequestForm.aspx.

If you have questions or need assistance <u>completing these forms</u> please contact Alane Wilcox at (602) 542-8253 or send an email to <u>awilcox@ade.az.gov</u>.